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5           An animated figure is provided with a body and at least one jointed appendage  
that is pivotably coupled thereto. Motive force is provided to a shaft having a cam  
which is coupled to a follower formed within the appendage to pivot the appendage with  
respect to the body. A control rod extends between the cam and the joint of the  
appendage to enable the joint to bend as the appendage is pivoted. Additional joints  
and control rods may be provided depending on the appendage movement desired.  
Likewise, multiple appendages, including a neck and head, may be provided and  
coupled to one another to impart a natural movement to the figure, such as walking or  
10          running.

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